



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

Weekly Egg Products Report

February 28, 2003

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 28-Feb-03 average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	Northeast	Midwest	Southeast	South Central	Combined Regional
This week	68.00	69.50	62.00	71.00	67.77
Last week	64.00	57.00	64.50	64.00	62.42

Selected Cities Large - 28-Feb-03: New York 78-82 Chicago 67-73 California 99

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 24-Feb-03 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	110.3	279.8	134.8	205.3	198.1	928.3	274.1	1202.4
% change PW	2	-9	9	-3	-6	-4	2	-2

Breaking Stock 28-Feb-03 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	38-40	35-40 M 36-38
Checks & Undergrades	26-31	22-29 M 23-27

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 14-Feb-03.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,072,373	26,564	9,555	5,234	2,254	3,971
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,133,238	27,185	10,353	5,736	2,656	4,149
LAST YEAR	1,151,109	27,382	10,761	6,045	3,084	4,063
% CHANGE PW	-5	-2	-8	-9	-15	-4
% CHANGE LY	-7	-3	-11	-13	-27	-2
TO-DATE 2003	8,965,619	211,006	84,819	80,498	77,518	79,235
TO-DATE 2002	8,975,171	200,161	92,576	87,860	84,899	85,878
% CHANGE YTD	0	5	-8	-8	-9	-8

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.27 Previous Week: 41.85 Last Year: 41.92

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.56 Previous Week: 38.19 Last Year: 38.39

National Liquid Eggs - 28-Feb-03 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
WHOLE		TFEWR		
WHITES	24	22.5-28.5	23.73	3.09
YOLKS	10	54-58	56.25	

Pasteurized salt yolk ranged 58 to 61 cents fob and pasteurized whites were too few sales to report.

Frozen Egg Prices - 28-Feb-03 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	38-48 M 43-46	43-48 M 44-45	51-55	49-52
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		65-80	-
Whites	28-40 M 32-35	35-40 M 35	39-44	39-42
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	70-82 M 70-73	69-74 M 70-72	77-87	77-80
Salted	66-77 M 67-69	66-70 M 67-69	73-90	73-76

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 28-Feb-03 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.53-1.95	1.70-1.75
YOLKS	1.65-2.05	1.70-1.80
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.05-2.50	2.20-2.35
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.40	1.35-1.40

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands)Weekending 22-Feb-03

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,534	This week	347	This week	1,881
Last week	1,793	Last week	541	Last week	2,334
Last year	1,867	Last year	450	Last year	2,317
To Date 2003	13,097	To Date 2003	2,862	To Date 2003	15,959
To Date 2002	14,555	To Date 2002	2,955	To Date 2002	17,510

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Feb-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	0	0	0	0
Last year /1	344	0	0	344
To date 2003	1,464	0	84	1,548
To date 2002	2,042	0	50	2,092

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Feb-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	193	42	0	235
Last year /1	212	58	93	363
To date 2003	1,037	369	0	1,406
To date 2002	769	476	356	1,601

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Feb-03

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	0	1,680	799	0	0	2,479
Last year /1	0	120	705	1,416	0	960	3,201
To date 2003	0	150	2,785	2,679	1,470	0	7,084
To date 2002	0	609	11,051	5,145	0	1,866	18,671

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 440,000 pounds of whole eggs--to be produced from about 11,000 cases of shell eggs--at a cost of approximately \$213,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices Inv. No. 16	No. of Bids Accepted
5-pound cartons	440,000	\$0.4848	1 of 4

It was also announced that the purchase program for whole eggs is complete.

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced on May 7, 2002, follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
30-pound cartons	277,000	\$ 148,000
5-pound cartons	12,246,000	\$6,573,000
bulk tankers	5,760,000	\$2,195,000

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-257, Invitation 16, to be delivered from April 16 to April 30, follow:

5-pound Cartons

Sonstegard Foods Company 440,220 @ \$0.4848

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 24-Feb-03

Total Layers on 01-Feb-03 totaled 339 million, up slightly from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Feb-03 averaged 70.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 2% from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Feb-03 = 279.4 million, up 0% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Feb-03 averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 3% from 01-Feb-02.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.86 billion eggs during Jan-03, up 1% from Jan-02.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Jan-03 totaled 33.5 million, down 6% from Jan-02.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 27.5 million on 01-Feb-03, down 14% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 198,000 during Jan-03, down 13% from Jan-02.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Feb-03 = 262.1 million, up 0% from 01-Feb-02.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Feb-03 = 70.2, up 3% from 01-Feb-02.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Feb-03 were 4.3%, down 4% from those in molt on 01-Feb-02.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Feb-03 were 23.9, up 9% from 01-Feb-02.

Layers sold during Jan-03 totaled 13.3 million, down 16% from Jan-02.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Jan-03 were 4.4 million, down 9% from Jan-02.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Feb-03 = 86.4 million, down 3% from 01-Feb-02.

Pullets added during Jan-03 = 21.3 million, down 3% from Jan-02.

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